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SUBJECT: NEGOTIATION OF NEW TUNA TREATY

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1. S&T COUNSELOR RAISED MATTERS OF PARA (4) REFTTEL WITH
LIC. ANDRES ROZENTAL, WHO IS SRE ACTION OFFICER FOR
SUBJECT TREATY. WITH RESPECT TO ORGANIZATION AND PRO-
CEDURES SUGGESTION, INCLUDING CREATION OF WORKING GROUPS,

ROZENTAL TOOK NOTE OF OUR SUGGESTIONS, PROMISED TO DISCUSS THEM WITH UNDER SECRETARY, AND INDICATED THAT FINAL DECISION WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE AT BEGINNING OF SAN JOSE MEETING (PERHAPS IN CLOSED MEETING OF HEADS OF DELS).

2. RE SUGGESTION TO BEGIN MEETING AFTERNOON OF SEPT. 19, ROZENTAL READILY AGREED. HE REMINDED US, HOWEVER, OF INTENT TO HOLD ANOTHER ROUND OF U.S.-MEXICAN CONSULTATIONS, AND INDICATED THIS COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED MORNING OF SEPT. 19 OR PERHAPS ON SEPT. 18 IF PEOPLE ARRIVED IN SUFFICIENT TIME.

3. RE PROBLEM OF ECUADOR, GOM HAD RECEIVED REPLY INDICATING PREFERENCE FOR POSTPONEMENT, BUT THIS HAD NOT BEEN STRONGLY PUT. GOM DID NOT PLAN A FURTHER DEMARCHE IN ECUADOR, BUT WAS HOPEFUL THAT OUR DEMARCHE WOULD MEET WITH SUCCESS.

4. GOM HAD BEEN IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH PERU IN EFFORT TO CONVINCE IT TO ATTEND, AFTER RECEIVING GOP REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT. PERU'S STATED REASONS WERE LARGELY BUDGETARY (LACK OF TRAVEL FUNDS, PRESS OF OTHER MATTERS, AND NOT ENOUGH TIME TO PREPARE). ROZENTAL IS CONVINCED THAT PERU DOES NOT WANT MEETING HELD, AND, IF HELD, WILL NOT ATTEND (EXCEPT POSSIBLY WITH A REP FROM ITS EMBASSY IN SAN JOSE). MEXICANS ARE CONVINCED THAT PERU'S MIND IS CONFIDENTIAL

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MADE UP ON THIS.

5. ABSENT RELATIONS WITH CHILE, MEXICO HAS NOT HEARD FROM GOC DIRECTLY, BUT UNDERSTANDS CHILEANS MAY BE OF LIKE MIND AS PERU AND ECUADOR.

6. MEXICO HAD SERIOUSLY CONSIDERED WHETHER TO GO AHEAD WITH MEETING. DECISION WAS REACHED BY SRE UNDERSECRETARY THAT MEETING SHOULD PROCEED EVEN IF ECUADOR, PERU, AND/OR CHILE DID NOT ATTEND. MEXICO FEELS A SENSE OF URGENCY TO BEGIN NEGOTIATING A NEW TUNA REGIME FOR THE EASTERN PACIFIC. THE SAN JOSE MEETING, IN ANY CASE, IS NOT EXPECTED TO FINISH THE MATTER, BUT WILL SERVE TO EXPLORE OPINIONS. THUS, LACK OF ATTENDANCE BY SOME COUNTRIES WILL NOT TOTALLY SABOTAGE THE RESULTS. POSTPONEMENT WAS DEEMED TOO DIFFICULT IN VIEW OF SUBSEQUENT IATTC MEETING, A HEAVY SCHEDULE OF OTHER MEETINGS (UNSPECIFIED) AND THE RESUMPTION OF LOS MEETINGS IN MARCH.

7. ROZENTAL THINKS PERU'S REAL REASONS GO MORE TO THE SUBSTANCE OF THE SUBJECT. HE THINKS PERU WISHES TO WAIT UNTIL A NEW LOS IS CONCLUDED. THIS WOULD BE TOO LONG FOR

MEXICO, HOWEVER, WHICH HAS BEEN PATIENT BUT FEELS THE PRESSURE OF INTERNAL PUBLIC OPINION, INCLUDING SOME RECENT PRESS ARTICLES, ALL OF WHICH MAKES POSTPONEMENT DIFFICULT.

8. AMBASSADOR CASTANEDA WILL HEAD THE MEXICAN DELEGATION AT SAN JOSE. HE HAD BEEN CONSIDERING A TRIP TO QUITO AND LIMA PRIOR TO THE MEETING, BUT HAS CHANGED HIS PLANS IN VIEW OF WHAT HE HEARS FROM THE PERUVIANS. THOMPSON

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